DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR


*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Congressional Debate Set For April 5th – (See Release)


4. Response E-Mail Letter from Mayor Seng to John L. Harris - RE: Work as Diversity Fellow - (See E-Mail)

II. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from Randy R. Ewing, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm to City Clerk Joan Ross - (brought into City Council Office by City Clerk) - RE: Items 35 & 36 – DLH, Inc. - Application for Liquor License Request for Reconsideration - (See Letter)

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. RFI #109 - Request to Public Works RE: Rolling Hills Blvd and Old Cheney Road - Safety Issues and concerns raised by Mr. Douglas J. Wilson. (RFI #109 - 03-09-04) RESPONSE FROM MAYOR’S OFFICE - Received 03-11-04)

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/Urban Development Department/LES - RE: C Street rehab, burying lines (RFI#111 - 3/24/04)
ANNETTE McROY

1. **OUTSTANDING** Request to Roger Tederman, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: The water problem they have in the drive on 25th Street entering the Tam O'Shanter (RFI#146 - 2/18/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM W. L. NASS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#146 - 3/26/04.

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/Lancaster County Engineering - RE: Future plans for NW 4th 48th Street (RFI#147 - 3/18/04) - (Sent Corrected Copy out on 3/22/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RANDY HOSKINS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#147 - 3/26/04

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Request to Larry Worth, StarTran/Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Bus Service to Lux Middle School (RFI#19 - 3/17/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#19 - 3/24/04

2. Request to Ernie Castillo, Wynn Hjermstad, Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Department/Terry Bundy, LES/Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Mike DeKalb, Marvin Krout, Planning Department/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Signs or banners identifying individual neighborhoods - (For Witherbee and Eastridge area) - (RFI#20 - 3/24/04)

GLENN FRIENDT

1. Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Haymarket crosswalk - (RFI#29 - 3/29/04)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

1. E-Mail from Rick Peo to Lynn Johnson - RE: Motion to Amend Bill No. 04-21 - Enhanced Landscaping - (See E-Mail)
FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER


HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Workwell Annual Conference And Awards Ceremony - (See Release)

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Health Department Bioterrorism Exercise - (See Release)

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Two Skunks Test Positive In Lincoln - (See Release)

LIBRARY

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Romance Readers Conference - New York Times Bestselling Author Victoria Alexander Featured - (See Release)

PLANNING

*1. Letter from Becky Horner to Engineering Design Consultants - RE: N. Creek 7th Addition Final Plat #03047. — (See Letter)

*2. Memo from Marvin Krout - RE: Pending List: Comprehensive Plan Amendment 02001A: New Information on Request at 84th and Van Dorn Street - (See Memo)

3. Memo from Greg Czaplewski - RE: Preliminary Plat #03011 Outfield Park - concerns over methane gas exposure - (Bill #04R-60) - (See Memo)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION . . . .

1. Waiver No. 04004 (Street trees and block length - N. 48th & Doris Bair Cir.) Resolution No. PC-00851.
2. Special Permit No. 04007 (CenterPointe, Inc. - Health Care Facility - 26th & P Streets) Resolution No. PC-00852.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Sidewalk Repair Advisory - (See Advisory)

*2. Memo from Dennis Bartels - RE: Alley Vacation 26th to 27th, “O” to “N” Streets - (See Memo)

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation Of Grass And Leaves Begins April 1st - (See Release)

4. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: The City’s contractor Paver’s Inc. is starting work in your area of South 14th on the widening project - (See Advisory)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Joseph W. Chernen - RE: Washington State Voters to Face Duel Ballot Initiatives - Health groups face off versus tobacco interests - (See E-Mail)

*2. Letter from Peter W. Katt, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm - RE: Livingston Investments Willowbrook Shopping Center Impact Fee Appeal - (See Letter)

*3. Letter from Peter W. Katt, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm - RE: Mount Olive Evangelical Church Impact Fee Appeal - (See Letter)

*4. CERTIFIED Letter from Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - RE: You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held upon the application of ZKZ Incorporated “The Office” for a Class I Liquor License at 640 W. Prospector, Suite 200 for the following reason: - scheduled for April 22nd at 10:15 a.m. - (See Letter)

*5. Letter from Ted Hays - RE: Problem with 1 Town Home water meter - wants his own meter - (See Letter)
*6. E-Mail from John L. Harris, President, Encouragement Unlimited, Inc. - RE: Work as Diversity Fellow - (See E-Mail)

*7. Letter from Mark Munger, President, Lincoln Firefighters Association - RE: A “Thank-you” for your recent affirmative vote in favor of the Police Firefighters Pension Board of Trustees. - (See Letter)

8. Letter from the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board - RE: The board wishes to thank you for your recent vote in support of Change of Zone #3428 - expanding the Neighborhood Design Standards into the R1, R2, & R3 residential districts - (See Letter)

9. Letter from Michael Kane - RE: Our Mayor - (See Letter)

10. Letter from James Cothran - RE: There is a high incidence of neck injuries in horse riding accidents - (See Letter)

11. E-Mail from Amy Prenda - RE: Lincoln Police vehicle sirens - (See E-Mail)

12. Letter from Michael J. Carlin - RE: The proposed flood standards for new growth areas - (See Letter)

13. Letter from Chuck Fricke, Assistant Vice President, Administration Operations, Information Technology Inc. - RE: The future construction at the intersection of 14th Street & Old Cheney is quickly approaching - concerns in regards to future construction and traffic flow - (See Letter)

14. Letter from August J. Ponstingl, Senior Planner, Ross Engineering, Inc. - RE: Sterling University - Stadium View: Phase 2 No. 1st Street and West Charleston Avenue - (See Material)

IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT


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House Panel Approves $275b T-21 Bill

Budget

House narrowly approves budget resolution. The House approved its version of the FY 2005 budget resolution this week 215-212, with 10 Republicans joining all House Democrats in voting against the measure.

Republican leaders in the House worked hard to secure enough votes to win passage, as they faced opposition from deficit hawks and moderates in their own ranks who wanted to reinstate rules that would require offsetting spending reductions for increases in mandatory spending or tax cuts. Such a move would have severely hampered efforts to make President Bush’s tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 permanent and so GOP leaders opposed the move. In the end, they were able to win a narrow victory on the budget resolution by promising a separate floor vote by Memorial Day on changing the budget rules, but only for mandatory spending, not tax cuts.

The House budget resolution would allocate $821 billion in FY 2005 to the Appropriations Committee to be distributed among the 13 subcommittees. The amount assumes a 7 percent increase for Defense Department and Homeland Security Department spending while holding other domestic discretionary programs at or below their FY 2004 levels. The Senate approved a similar plan earlier this month.

The next step for the budget resolution is a House-Senate conference committee to iron out differences in the two measures. Although the conference should be brief, it is not expected to be completed by next week. Since the House is scheduled to take a two-week recess on April 2, it is unlikely that the April 15 deadline for completion of the budget resolution will be met.

Transportation

House panel clears transportation reauthorization bill, funding battle to continue. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved a $275 billion highway and transit bill this week, but included a reopener clause that will let Congress adjust funding levels in the measure as early as 2005. The bill (HR 3550) is $100 billion less than the Committee’s original proposal and $43 billion less than the Senate’s reauthorization bill (S 1072).

In a show of protest, the Committee first passed a bill with their desired funding total of $375 billion. Committee Chairman Don Young (R-AK) stated that this bill (HR 3994), would not be filed but was brought before the Committee to send “a message to this nation and the people of this nation that we believe that $375 billion is the correct number at which this program should be funded.” The measure was approved unanimously by the Committee.

In hoping to readdress the funding issue outside of an election year, a reopener clause was included in H.R. 3550 by the Committee that would cut off all apportioned highway program dollars at the end of FY 2005 unless Congress has written a new law increasing the minimum funding guarantee for states. Under existing law, each state receives a minimum of 90.5 percent of each dollar they contribute to the highway trust fund. The reopener clause would require new money to be found to increase the return to 92 percent by 2006, with a one percent annual increase until it hits 95 percent in FY 2009. Young included this provision to increase the total spending of the bill, which would most likely come through a gas tax increase. Many on the Committee felt that the White House may be more willing to increasing the gas tax increase after the election.
The scaled-back bill will include $217 billion for highway programs, $51.5 billion for transit programs, and about $5 billion for highway safety programs. The bill also contains approximately $50 billion in project requests submitted by members. Individual program funding levels include:

- Federal Aid Highways - $33.6 billion for FY 2004, $34.6 billion for FY 2005, $35.6 billion for FY 2006, $36.7 billion for FY 2007, $37.8 billion for FY 2008, and $38.9 billion for FY 2009.

- Interstate Maintenance - $4.3 billion for FY 2004, $4.4 billion for FY 2005, $4.5 billion for FY 2006, $4.66 billion for FY 2007, $4.78 billion for FY 2008, and $4.89 billion for FY 2009.


- Bridge Program - $3.7 billion for FY 2004, $34.6 billion for FY 2005, $35.6 billion for FY 2006, $36.7 billion for FY 2007, $37.8 billion for FY 2008, and $38.9 billion for FY 2009.

- Surface Transportation Program - $6.1 billion for FY 2004, $6.2 billion for FY 2005, $6.4 billion for FY 2006, $6.5 billion for FY 2007, $6.7 billion for FY 2008, and $6.8 billion for FY 2009.

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program - $1.47 billion for FY 2004, $1.5 billion for FY 2005, $1.54 billion for FY 2006, $1.58 billion for FY 2007, $1.62 billion for FY 2008, and $1.66 billion for FY 2009.

- Federal Transit Program - $7.27 billion for FY 2004, $7.75 billion for FY 2005, $8.27 billion for FY 2006, $8.82 billion for FY 2007, $9.4 billion for FY 2008, and $10 billion for FY 2009.

- New Starts Program - $1.32 billion for FY 2004, $1.41 billion for FY 2005, $1.53 billion for FY 2006, $1.64 billion for FY 2007, $1.74 billion for FY 2008, and $1.86 billion for FY 2009.


The New Freedom Program was originally proposed in the Administration’s reauthorization proposal and provides formula grants to the States for new transportation services and transportation alternatives for individuals with disabilities beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This will include motor vehicle programs that assist persons with disabilities with transportation to and from jobs or employment support services.

Facing a April 30 expiration of existing law, Committee members hope to have HR 3550 on the floor next week. However, the House Leadership has yet to schedule floor time for the bill.
Welfare

Senate clears TANF extension; long-term bill to be debated next week. The Senate passed legislation (S 2231) this week that would extend the authorization for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program through June 30. The extension is needed because long-term reauthorization legislation (HR 4) remains stalled in the Senate. The most recent extension, enacted last fall, expires on March 31. The House passed HR 4 in February 2004 but the Senate has been unable to overcome disagreements over work requirements and child care funding.

Passage of S 2231 came just days before the Senate will once again turn its attention to HR 4. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) has set aside most of next week for the Senate to debate its version of the House passed bill. Previous Senate attempts to clear the legislation stalled over disagreements between Democrats and Republicans over whether to increase the work requirements for TANF recipients and over bipartisan calls to offset increased work requirements with increased child care funding. Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) will offer an amendment during floor consideration to increase child care funding included in the bill by $5 to $6 billion. Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) has led the call from Democrats for even greater child care funding. As cleared by the Senate Finance Committee, HR 4 would increase the work requirements for TANF recipients from 30 to 34 hours per week. The House passed version of HR 4 would increase the work requirement to 40 hours per week.

In addition to disagreements over policy issues directly related to the bill, Kennedy has vowed to offer amendments to bar the implementation of the Administration's proposed overtime pay regulation and to increase the minimum wage. Similar amendments effectively stopped Senate debate of corporate tax overhaul legislation (S 1637) this past week.

In the House, Representative Wally Herger (R-CA) has introduced legislation (HR 3848) to extend TANF through June 30. However, it also includes a controversial provision designed to alter a credit that states receive for reducing their welfare caseloads. Democrats oppose the change and are calling for a clean extension.

Federal Register

The following notices were printed in the Federal Register this week. Further information may be obtained from this office.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, March 22: The Office of the General Counsel has announced a new policy priority for increasing the supply of affordable housing by removing regulatory barriers to public housing. This policy priority will be used for all FY 2004 HUD funding opportunities, including the HUD SuperNOFA. Under this new priority, "regulatory barriers" refers to the many public statutes, ordinances, regulatory requirements or processes that are implemented that significantly impede the development or availability of affordable housing. As a result of the new priority, more consideration will be given to applicants that are able to demonstrate successful efforts in removing regulatory barriers to affordable housing. Pages 13450-13452.

Department of Health and Human Services, March 23: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has announced the availability of funding for the Statewide Family Network Grants. The purpose of the grant is to enhance State capacity to be more oriented to the needs of seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents and their families. The Statewide Family Networks Program works to make certain that families are the catalysts for transforming the mental health and related systems in their State by strengthening relations between family members, and between families and policy makers and service providers. The total program funding is $2,800,000 and the estimated number of awards is 43. The award ceiling is $70,000 and there is no cost sharing or matching requirement. Eligible applicants include domestic private entities, including faith-based entities, tribal family organizations and currently funded Statewide Family Networks grantees that are controlled and managed by family members, are dedicated to the improvement of mental health services statewide, and have a Board of Directors comprised of no less than 51 percent family members. Applications were originally due on April 7, 2004 but the deadline has been extended to April 22, 2004. (Grants.gov)

Department of Labor, March 25: The Employment and Training Administration has announced the FY 2004 Congressional Recissions for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adults and Dislocated Worker programs, the proposed states' allotments for Program Year 2004 for WIA Title I Youth, Adults and Dislocated Worker programs, and Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit proposed allotments for FY 2004. Comments on these proposed allotments must be submitted by April 26, 2004 via email to: bailey.sherry@dol.gov. Pages 15832-15393.

The Corporation for National and Community Services, March 25: The Office of Grants Management has announced a modification to the Special Volunteer Program Homeland Security Initiative that was published on February 27, 2004. The original notice recorded an award floor of $100,000 and an award ceiling of $500,000. However, the award floor and ceiling have now been eliminated. (Grants.gov)
April 1, 2004

John L. Harris
harrisconsulting@juno.com

Dear John:

In response to your inquiry about the media resource list and the climate survey, the City of Lincoln is utilizing both of these tools. I want to thank you for your service to the City of Lincoln and work on these projects.

The media resource list is still being utilized by City Directors, Affirmative Action and the Personnel Department to advertise job openings. We will continue to update and use this resource to attract diverse applicants to the City and County.

Each of the self-identified ethnic/racial minority City and County employees received a copy of the climate survey on December 16, 2002. The response rate was 41.8%. Those results were tabulated and the Affirmative Action Officer has been using this information to assess the perceptions of racial/ethnic employees and to help determine areas where improvement is needed. The survey form states it is intended for internal purposes only. Survey recipients were assured their participation was voluntary and they could remain anonymous.

The Affirmative Action Office released a compilation of the results to the Department Directors along with a memo reminding them that it is incumbent upon each department to assure that their employees are treated fairly. The memo emphasized that our efforts to attract and retain diverse employees will not succeed without a receptive and unbiased work environment. The Directors were asked to use the results of the survey to challenge their department to determine how they can improve the work environment in a way that will benefit each employee, our workforce in general, and the community as a whole.

Survey recipients received a follow-up letter summarizing the results of the survey and asking them to please contact the Affirmative Action Office if they are treated differently based on race and/or ethnicity or other protected class. The Affirmative Action Officer also encouraged them to speak to a supervisor, the Personnel Department, or an outside agency or legal advisor if they are more comfortable doing so.

The Affirmative Action Office will reference the results of the survey when making amendments to the Affirmative Action Plan and in determining what material to use when training management and employees in the various County and City departments.

Sincerely,

Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln
Date: March 23, 2004

To: Mayor Colleen Seng  
    Lincoln City Council Members  
    Jon Camp  Jonathan Cook  
    Glenn Friendt  Annette McRoy  
    Patte Newman  Ken Svoboda  
    Terry Werner

From: John L. Harris, President  
       Encouragement Unlimited, Inc.

Subject: Work as Diversity Fellow

As you may or may not be aware, I was asked by our previous mayor to serve as a Diversity Fellow for six months beginning in October 2002. It was decided that my time and service to the city would be best utilized in the Office of Affirmative Action. During this time, I conducted diversity workshops for city employees, police recruits and chaplains. I enjoyed this part of the fellowship most of all. My programs were not only well received, but the evaluations suggested that they were excellent and much needed.

During my stint as a Diversity Fellow, I also produced two (2) documents that were to aid the city’s efforts with regard to recruiting and retaining minority employees.

The first of these two documents was recruiting guide that listed the culturally specific media (e.g., newspapers and radio) sources in several surrounding states where city
employers could place ads to reach the best talent possible. Per my recommendation, this document was to placed on the city's web site in an Adobe format for employers to access.

The second document was a climate survey that I developed and tabulated for the city that dealt with minority employee perceptions of Lincoln's work environments. This document took a great deal of my time and to my knowledge, the document has never seen the light of day.

I worked hard on both of these documents and would like to know if my work was in vain. I would appreciate your prompt investigation of this matter and a response at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time.
March 30, 2004

Joan Ross  
Lincoln City Clerk  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

VIA FACSIMILE: 441-8325

Re:  
DLH, Inc. - Application for Liquor License  
Request for Reconsideration

Dear Clerk:

At the regular City Council meeting held on March 29, 2004 at 5:30 p.m., the Lincoln City Council held a public hearing on the application of DLH, Inc. d/b/a Coaches Sports Bar & Grill for a Class I liquor license as well as the manager application of Duane L. Hartman for DLH, Inc. These were items number 3 and 4 of the public hearing schedule regarding liquor resolutions.

Due to an administrative oversight, Mr. Hartman was unable to appear at the City Council meeting. Following hearing on the applications in question, the City Council apparently adopted a resolution to recommend denial of issuance of the licenses to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Please consider this letter to constitute the written request of DLH, Inc. d/b/a Coaches Sports Bar & Grill and Duane Hartman for a re-hearing on the two referenced applications.

It is my understanding from our telephone conversation of today's date that on your receipt of this request you will be able to schedule this matter for reconsideration at the April 5th meeting of the City Council. If this is incorrect, please advise me at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Randy R. Ewing  
For the Firm  
rewing@pierson-law.com

cc:  Duane Hartman

Pierson, Fitchett, Hunzeker, Blake & Katt
March 25, 2004

Annette McRoy
City Council
RFI #146

RE: Tam O’Shanter Drainage Problem - 25th & “O” Street

Dear Annette:

I apologize for this late response, but after meeting with Dionia and another individual at the location of the drainage problem, I delayed in getting this information to you.

The drainage problem she addressed was in the private drive to the Tam O’Shanter. It appeared a water service line to the business had been repaired some time ago and over a period of time has settled to cause water to puddle in an area on the north side of the driveway. I relayed to them that this was their area of responsibility and they seemed to understand. I also relayed to them that the City would certainly work with them to make sure any reconstruction was at a proper grade to improve the drainage from this area.

Overall, I had the general impression that the priority dropped significantly when it was pointed out the area was the responsibility of the property owner, and they were somewhat willing to live with the problem as they have for some time, with possible repair in the future.

We also discussed how they could minimize the drainage problem by not pushing their snow from the parking lot to this location, thereby blocking the drainage and allowing snow melt to back up and stand in the gutter pan for much longer periods of time. They seemed to understand why that might happen and hopefully will make improvements to their snow removal efforts.

They thanked us for coming out and meeting with them and hopefully, if they really want to solve this standing water problem, will consider replacement of their driveway.

Sincerely,

W. L. Nass
Maintenance Coordinator
Street Maintenance Operations

cc: Mayor Coleen J. Seng
    Allan Abbott
    Roger Figard, Karl Fredrickson
    Andrew Edwards
RFI#146
Annette McRoy

Date: February 18th, 2004
Department: Public Works, Roger Tederman

If this is indeed a city property issue, can the water be drained from the area right away until it dries out enough to be filled or a more permanent solution found?

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Annette,

I'm sorry to pester you about this, but we have a big problem.

I have notified the City Roads Department regarding the water problem we have in the drive on 25th street entering the Tam O' Shanter. I have spoken to Roger Tederman about the problem as well. Roger, though very nice and willing to help, has not done anything to help.

The water has built up to about 2 1/2' - 3' depth. I have let them know that I'm concerned about children walking from the school on the corner of N Street & 25th, as well as customers attempting to come into the Tam.

This problem does have everything to do with city property. From what I'm told, this has been a problem for some 20 years since Red owned the Tam. The water doesn't seem to drain properly and there's a hole entering the drive before you get to the sidewalk.

Roger was sympathetic and said once it dries up he's going to have them fill the whole with asphalt, but I really think there is a lot of risk right now.

I've had customers say they didn't realize how deep it was until they stepped in and found themselves knee deep in water.

I'm not sure what you can do to help, but I thought you might be able to prompt some immediate action where I have failed.

Thanks for your time, let me know if there is anyone else I should contact.

Sincerely,

Diona Peithman
Pres. DLP, Inc.
dba Tam O' Shanter
105 South 25th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 474-2394

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
COUNCIL OFFICE

BY: Annette McRoy - #147 (Council Member) March 22, 2004

REQUEST: RE: Future plans for NW 48 Street

Would you please respond to the attached E-Mail and send me a copy of the response. Please copy me with all information as well. Thanks.

- Annette McRoy

cc: Arnold Keller
5431 NW Benton Street (24) - FOR YOUR INFORMATION - COPY OF REQUEST SENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER, NO RESPONSE REQUIRED FROM YOU

Mayor's Office

RESPONSE (Indicate action taken): By: Randy Hoskins 3/21/04

Via attached letter

COMMENTS:
PLEASE RESPOND WITH 15 COPIES/UG
Tammy,

Please create the following RFI and send to both departments mentioned below:

Send to following departments: City of Lincoln-PWU and Lancaster County Engineering

Please send the citizen below information regarding future plans for NW 48th Street. Include information on any future installation of traffic signals, street widening scenarios and any information in the CIP regarding NW 48th Street. If known that the state or county will be doing something in the area, please include that as well or provide contact information for that entity doing the project. Mr. Keller is upset and feels nothing is being done in this area to improve the quality of the main street as more houses are being built.

Please copy Annette with all information as well.

Arnold Keller
5431 NW Benton Street
Lincoln, NE 68524

Thanks
Annette
March 21, 2004

Arnold Keller
5431 NW Benton Street
Lincoln, NE 68524

Mr. Keller:

Councilwoman Annette McRoy passed on your concerns that not enough is being done to improve NW 48th Street in light of the additional housing being constructed in the area.

If you follow the local news, you are probably well aware of the shortage of funds the City has for building new roads and expanding existing streets. While there have been several committees working on finding methods to cover this funding gap, the progress made has been limited so far. In the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP), widening NW 48th Street to four lanes was shown to begin around 2008, though the source of the funding for the project was contingent upon new revenue sources being found. In the proposed CIP that will be going to the City Council for approval this year, money for the design of NW 48th Street is proposed in 2007 and 2008, though no construction money is included during the six year life of the document.

Lancaster County has a project to replace the NW 48th Street bridge over Elk Creek. The last I knew, this bridge was scheduled for replacement in 2006. The Airport Authority has been looking at concepts of possibly rerouting NW 48th Street to the east to provide a better buffer between the neighborhood and the traffic using this roadway. This is just a concept at this time that will need more input from the City and surrounding neighborhoods before it proceeds any further.

Until a major project can be completed along NW 48th Street, we will continue to do smaller, less costly projects to keep it operating safely and efficiently. The recent improvements at Thatcher Lane were required of the developer of the housing in that area to provide safe entrance and egress from that development. The entrance to the Hub Hall Heights Addition is required to install temporary improvements to 48th Street. When additional development is planned to go in north of Huntington, we will look at the need of widening and/or signals at that time. Additionally, we will continue to monitor this roadway to watch for and mitigate any safety problems that may develop due to increasing volumes.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 441-7570 or rwhoskins@ci.lincoln.ne.us.

Sincerely,

Randy Hoskins, P.E.
City Traffic Engineer

cc: Annette McRoy, City Council
Allan Abbott
Roger Figard
Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Karen Sieckmeyer
Maggie Kellner
Lynn,

The attached Motion to Amend does not conform exactly to your e-mail request, so please review this thoroughly. I did define "small landscape planting beds" as not to exceed 200 square feet.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this Motion to Amend is acceptable to you.

Thank you.

Rick Peo
Chief Assistant City Attorney
1-7264

04-21M1.wpd
MOTION TO AMEND NO. 1

I hereby move to amend Bill No. 04-21 in the following manner:

1. On page 2, line 10, after the word “including,” insert the words “an automated irrigation system as”.

2. On page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

   “(2) An automated irrigation system shall be installed and used to provide proper watering of the enhanced landscaping.”

and renumber the subsequent subsections of Section 12.22.020(c) accordingly.

3. On page 3, lines 6 and 7, delete the words “is to be the means by which proper watering will be provided”.

4. On page 3, line 7, before the word “any” insert the word “requires”; and after the word “street” insert the words “such boring”.

5. On page 4, line 16, after the word “shrubs” delete the words “and perennials,” and insert the following words “and other landscape plantings”.

6. On page 4, lines 17 and 18, delete the words “between twenty-four (24) and thirty (30) inches as measured from the top of the curb” and insert the following words “consistent with sight distance standards and as noted on the approved landscape plan”.

7. On page 6, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

   “Section 2.5. That Title 12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended by adding a new section numbered 12.22.025 to read as follows:”
12.22.025 Establishing and Maintaining Small Landscape Planting Beds Within Medians, Roundabouts, and Cul-de-sac Center Islands; Permit Required.

(a) The Director of Parks and Recreation may approve a permit for planting and maintenance of small landscape planting beds (not to exceed 200 square feet) without an automated irrigation system with medians, roundabouts, and cul-de-sac center islands within streets by an abutting property owner or an approved association of property owners.

(b) Application procedure. A written application for such permit shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department upon forms provided by said department for that purpose. The application shall identify the name and address of the applicant and provide a landscape plan identifying the proposed landscape plantings and showing the location of the proposed landscape planting bed and placement of proposed landscape plantings. At the time of making such application, the applicant shall agree in writing to save the City harmless and to protect the City and public at all times in connection with such work, and to do such work in conformance with specifications set forth by the City. Also at the time of making such application, the applicant shall furnish the Director with the written consent to the issuance of such permit from each owner of property facing the area of public property upon which such work is proposed to be done."

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

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City Attorney

Requested by: Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation

Reason for Request: To allow administrative approval of permits for small landscape planting beds in medians, roundabouts & cul-de-sac center islands within public streets; to add landscape planting beds with an automated irrigation system to Section 12.22.020; and to provide plant heights be consistent with sight distance standards rather than restricting plant heights to 24" to 30".
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 29, 2004
CONTACT: Rebecca Lee, 402-441-4465
E-MAIL: r.lee@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us

ROMANCE READERS CONFERENCE
New York Times Bestselling Author Victoria Alexander Featured

Join romance readers from around the mid-west at a one day conference for lovers of romantic fiction on Saturday, April 17, 2004.

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln, attendees of Turning the Pages of Romance will enjoy a keynote address by New York Times/USA Today Bestselling Author Victoria Alexander; participate in breakout sessions, book signings, and chat with regional authors.

Victoria Alexander is an award winning television reporter, covering presidents, the Pope and movie stars. When she discovered fiction was more fun than real life, she turned to writing full time. The University of Nebraska graduate is a Big Red football fan living by the motto "wait until next year." Victoria lives in Omaha with her husband and two sons.

In addition to Victoria Alexander, participating authors include Pam Crooks, Kim Louise, Julie Miller, Kylie Brant, Roxanne Rustand, Cindy Gerard, Leigh Michaels, Cynthia Rutledge, Kristin Gabriel and Bobbi Smith.

Breakout sessions include topics such as Connecting the Books; Romance Themes that Work, Love Scenes with an Emotional Punch; Villains and Antagonists: Characters You Love to Hate; Details, Details, Details: Historical Research at Work; From Bad Boy to Lost Soul: Male Archetypes.

Books by favorite romance authors will be on sale throughout the day.

The registration fee of $40 includes continental breakfast, lunch with authors, and conference materials. Pre-registration is required. Forms are available at all Lincoln and Omaha libraries or by calling 402-441-4465. Registration deadline has been extended to April 13th.

This conference is sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries, Omaha Public Library, and Lincoln City Library Foundation.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Czaplewski, Planning Department

SUBJECT: Preliminary Plat #03011 Outfield Park (Bill #04R-60) concerns over methane gas exposure

DATE: April 1, 2004

In response to concerns raised at the March 29 City Council hearing, the Health Department has provided the attached comments. In addition, someone from the Health Department should be in attendance for the April 5 meeting.

Thank you.
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has reviewed the documentation submitted by Ross Engineering regarding methane gas testing that was conducted by Geotechnical Services, Inc. (GSI).

Considering the highest level of methane gas detected was 2.8% and Ross Engineering has consented to utilize a compacted eighteen inch clay liner and a 10 mil vapor barrier underneath the proposed structures, the LLCHD believes that these methods will adequately address our public health concerns relative to methane gas exposure.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : April 5, 2004

RE : Waiver No. 04004
(Street trees and block length - N. 48th & Doris Bair Cir.)
Resolution No. PC-00851

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2004:

Motion made by Sunderman, seconded by Carroll, to approve Waiver No. 04004, requested by Moose Lodge #175, to waive street trees and block length in the Doris Bair Park 4th Addition Final Plat, on property generally located at North 48th Street and Doris Bair Circle. Motion for approval carried 8-0: Carlson, Marvin, Carroll, Sunderman, Pearson, Taylor, Larson and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Krieser absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Gary Gerkin, 1236 N. 45th, 68503
    Moose Lodge 175, 4901 N. 56th, 68504

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00851

WHEREAS, Moose Lodge #175 has submitted for approval by the Planning Director, the final plat of Doris Bair Park 4th Addition, generally located at N. 48th Street and Doris Bair Circle; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Municipal Code § 26.27.090 requires that streets trees to be planted along both sides of public streets; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Municipal Code § 26.23.130(a) requires that block lengths not exceed 1320 feet between cross streets; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a modification to waive said requirement pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended approval of the requested waivers of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of these requirements would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1. The requirement of § 26.27.090 of the Lincoln Municipal Code that streets trees to be planted along both sides of public streets is hereby waived.

2. The provisions of § 26.23.130(a) of the Lincoln Municipal Code that block lengths not exceed 1320 feet between cross streets is hereby waived.
3. All other Planning Director conditions for approval of the final plat of Doris Bair Park 4th Addition shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31 day of March, 2004.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : April 1, 2004

RE : Special Permit No. 04007
     (CenterPointe, Inc. - Health Care Facility - 26th & P Streets)
     Resolution No. PC-00852

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their
regular meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2004:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Sunderman, to approve Special Permit
No. 04007, with conditions, requested by CenterPointe, Inc. and B&J
Partnership, Ltd., for authority to construct a health care facility for up to 20
residents, on property generally located at the southeast corner of N. 26th and P
Streets. Motion for approval, with conditions, carried 8-0: Larson, Carroll,
Sunderman, Carlson, Taylor, Marvin, Pearson and Bills-Strand voting ‘yes’;
Krieser absent.

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of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning
Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Wynn Hjemstad, Urban Development
    Clay F. Smith, B&J Partnership, Ltd., P.O. Box 81906, 68501
    Topher Hansen, CenterPointe, 1000 S. 13th Street, 68508
    Tom Huston, 1900 US Bank Bldg, 233 S. 13th, 68508
    Woods Park Neighborhood Association Contacts (5)
    Malone Neighborhood Association Contacts (2)
    Hartley Neighborhood Association Contacts (5)
    Hawley Area Assn. Contacts (3)
RESOLUTION NO. PC-00852

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 04007

WHEREAS, CenterPointe, Inc. and B&J Partnership, Ltd. have submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 04007 for authority to construct a health care facility for up to 20 residents on property generally located at the southeast corner of N. 26th and P Streets, and legally described as:

Lots 1 through 6, Block 21, Kinney's O Street Addition, located in Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this health facility will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of CenterPointe, Inc. and B&J Partnership, Ltd.,
hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to construct a health care facility for up to 20
residents be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.080 of
the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said health care facility be
in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional
express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves an 11,800 square foot health care facility for up
to 20 residents. Lot coverage for the building shall not exceed 35%.

2. Before receiving building permits:
   a. The Permittee must complete the following instructions and
      submit five copies of the revised documents and plans to the
      Planning Department office for review and approval.
         i. Identify and provide elevations of the design elements
            located at the corners of the lot, and demonstrate they
            conform to sight distance requirements.
         ii. The parking lot and all parking stalls for this health
            care facility shall meet the Design Standards of
            the City of Lincoln and the final design of the parking
            lot and stalls shall be subject to the approval of the
            Public Works & Utilities Department prior to the
issuance of a building permit.

iii. Add a note to the site plan stating any relocation of existing facilities will be at owner/developer's expense.

iv. Revise the landscape plan to show "Autumn Blaze" Maple instead of "Emerald Queen" Maple on North 26th and North 27th Streets.

v. Revise the landscape plan to show the "Autumn Blaze" Maple on North 27th Street planted 8 feet west of the sidewalk for traffic sight clearance and for proper clearance above the sidewalk/street.

b. Submit a certificate of ownership showing CenterPointe, Inc. is the owner of all property shown on the plans.

c. The operation and the premises must meet appropriate local and state licensing requirements, including compliance with health codes.

3. Before occupying this health care facility all development and construction must be completed in conformance to the approved plans.

4. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational facilities, must be permanently maintained by the Permittee.

5. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.
6. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall be binding and obligatory upon the Permittee and the Permittee's successors and assigns. The building official shall report violations to the City Council which may revoke the special permit or take such other action as may be necessary to gain compliance.

7. The Permittee shall sign and return the City's letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31st day of March, 2004.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
March 31, 2004

Spring has sprung and again it is getting harder to get around Lincoln. But, the City’s contractor Paver’s Inc. is starting work in your area of South 14th on the widening project. With this in mind, the items that property owners agreed to move and were paid for such as fences and other related items need to be moved or relocated. I know the weather doesn’t look the best today, but the work is continuing and proceeding to the south so your cooperation is asked in doing this work. We expect that you should be able to complete this work in approximately 2 weeks. The contractor will remove these items at the end of the allotted 2 weeks, but they might not be in the shape needed to be replaced as intended.

If you have any questions, please call Paver’s Supt. Jeff at 450-0939 or myself at 441-7532. Thanks.

Charlie Wilcox
Engineering Services
Mr. Terry Werner  
Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

March 28, 2004

Dear Mr. Werner,

The board of the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance wishes to thank you for your recent vote in support of Change of Zone #3428 – expanding the Neighborhood Design Standards into the R1, R2, & R3 residential districts. Increasing zoning protections for neighborhoods was part of the 12 point Plan for Action endorsed by 21 neighborhood associations, and was a top priority of the LNA Board. Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance exists to help educate our elected officials on important neighborhood issues that affect thousands within our community. Changes like this make a real difference in stabilizing and protecting homeowner’s property values.

This is another important step towards implementing the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Plan for Action. We look forward to continuing to work with you, the City Council, and Mayor Seng’s Office to improve Lincoln’s neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Larry Zink

University Place Neighborhood  
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board
Ms. Annette McRoy  
Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ed Caudill  
North Bottoms Neighborhood  
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board
Ms. Patte Newman  
Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

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Sincerely,  

Jennifer Brinkman  
East Campus Neighborhood  
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board
Mr. Terry Werner  
Lincoln City Council  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Larry Zink
University Place Neighborhood  
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board
Subject: Our mayor. The Hourville "Adolph Hitler" Song.


I criticized LPD (my protected storm troopers) as Song tried to have me committed to a mental health center.

LPD & "Adolph Hitler" Song violated Article 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 18, 21, 23 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights am going to ask UN to cancel "Adolph" Song + LPD Q 1 to Wash DC later be on C Span etc. U.

There is CQ. Qualifies as Song next to Quaidoff (Mao D.)... BAA... BAA... BAA!!

Late recarde Song.
Roger: Limbo, Michael Savage, & H.R. "Bob" Holdenman will all want me on U.

Amnesty International says: David Rice is a political prisoner. Maybe I am one also?

Song never had a real job even a day. Front was never raised.

Senate will boycott Lincoln convention will cancel whole will go blank. Die in Chapter 13. &
European Common Market will boycott any grain.

cut U's. A state will go bankrupt U. HaHaHaHa.
To whom it may concern:

There is a high incidence of neck injuries in horse riding accidents.

There is a medical device known as a "Collar" that fits on the neck to prevent further injury if there has been a neck injury.

I heard that they attempted to move Christopher Reeves without first attaching a collar. Probably because they didn't have one.

What does the City Council think about passing an ordinance requiring one collar per horse back rider as some way of helmets with motorcycles and seatbelts with cars?

Extreme? Perhaps; but if it were your child laying on the ground with a possible broken neck, what would you do then?

Very truly yours,

James Cathrova
Dear Ms. Prenda: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE - 68508
Phone: 402-441-6866
Fax: 402-441-6533
e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us
<aeprenda@alltel.net>

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Dear Chief Casady:

About 15 minutes ago (11:00 am), on the corner of 13th and M Streets, a Lincoln Police vehicle (SUV) sped through a yellow light with its lights on, but no siren.

I understand that a siren may not required based on the articles I have read in the paper concerning the officer dispatched to a crime that hit a car and injured the driver. However, the policy concerns me, especially downtown, during the late morning with so many cars and pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy E. Prenda
2200 Bradfield Drive
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-474-3413
aeprenda@alltel.net
March 29, 2004

Planning Commission
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the proposed flood standards for new growth areas. I will not be available to testify at the public hearing, so please take a moment to read my letter.

When the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force was initially formed, I was not optimistic. I felt that there were too many people on the Task Force there to guard their financial interests and that the Task Force would not produce anything meaningful. I am pleased to say that I was wrong.

The proposal presented by the Task Force represents a balanced solution to a challenging problem. The Task Force is to be lauded for their dedication of effort. The highest praise that you can give is to recommend approval of their proposal without “watering” it down.

You have undoubtedly been “flooded” with inputs from both sides of the issue and the public hearing is sure to be a long one. As you read and listen, pay attention to who is saying what. I am guessing that the majority of the people who are arguing to weaken the proposed standards stand to gain financially from their efforts if they succeed, while the majority of the people trying to keep the standards intact have nothing to gain financially if they succeed. Says a lot, doesn’t it?

Moving to get standards for new growth areas in place before tackling standards for existing urban areas does make sense. However, don’t let the thornier issue of existing urban area standards sit on the “to do” list too long. The amount of fill that is going into the floodplain is skyrocketing as developers move to get ahead of the standards that they know will eventually be put into place. Don’t let those standards come too late to be of any value.

The Task Force has forged a solid proposal. The professionals in the Planning and Public Works Departments support it. Please keep support it. And finally, remember the golden rule:

No Adverse Impact.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Carlin
Member, Friends of Wilderness Park
2700 West Paddock Rd.
Lincoln, NE 68523
420-9092

Cc:    Mayor Seng
       City Council
       County Board
March 31, 2004

Mayor Colleen Seng
City of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng,

The future construction at the intersection of 14th Street and Old Cheney is quickly approaching. We have met and been in contact with Olsson Associates, the firm hired by the City of Lincoln to provide plans for the intersection. At ITI’s request, we received our first set of plans from Olsson’s today. We have been in communication with our business neighbor, Design Data, and thought it would be a good time to apprise you and council members of some mutual concerns in regards to future construction and traffic flow. Those concerns of major importance are noted below:

1. Putting an additional influx of traffic into an already busy intersection is not good for business continuity or the community.

2. ITI and Design Data have invested heavily in terms of infrastructure and aesthetics on both campuses. Additionally, ITI has already deeded substantial property and paid for a traffic signal on the original planned widening and street development. The proposal takes additional right of way from the landowners, lowers values, and leaves us with a traffic intersection that equates to the intersection at 27th and Cornhusker in Lincoln, in its size and probable congestion.

3. There is talk of building a water impoundment at the northwest corner of ITI property. ITI has already laid plans and special use permit approved for additional construction throughout the campus. A water impoundment would adversely impact the intended use of the property.

We would like to propose a meeting with you and our neighbors at Design Data to discuss this project and explore potential remedies. We also would like to extend to you an invitation to hold this meeting at ITI’s offices or if you would prefer your office, whichever would be most convenient for you.

We believe there are solutions that could mutually benefit the city and the local area with respect to traffic and the proposed intersection. You can contact me at (402) 423-2682 Ext 3703 or email Chuck.Fricke@iti.fiserv.com. We look forward to your participation and active dialogue.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chuck Fricke
Assistant Vice President
Administration Operations

CC: City Council Members
Tom Duden, Design Data
Brian Ridenour, Esq.
Lowell Berg, Clark Enersen
Karen Jensen, Olsson Associates
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) has reviewed the documentation we submitted that Geotechnical Services, Inc. (GSI) conducted regarding methane gas testing.

We received a letter from Chris Schroeder that is attached to this letter. Mr. Schroeder said, "Considering the highest level of methane gas detected was 2.8% and Ross Engineering has consented to utilize a compacted eighteen inch clay liner and a 10 mil vapor barrier underneath the proposed structures, the LLCHD believes that these methods will adequately address our public health concerns relative to methane gas exposure." We feel this resolves any doubt that may have been raised at City Council on Monday.

The Geotechnical Engineer, Bill Ameson, has assured us that methane gas will not pose any concerns for occupants.

We respectfully request your support for both the Projects and appreciate the additional time and effort that you and the City Staff have put into this combined Development.

Sincerely,

ROSS ENGINEERING, INC.

August J Ponting
Senior Planner

cc: Marvin Krout, Greg Czaplinski, Gene Taylor, Ron Ross, Gary Fairchild, Craig Dickerson, Gary Nichelson

Enclosure
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AD D E N D U M
TO
D I R E C T O R S’ A G E N D A
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Vine Street Lanes To Be Closed For Improvements - North 17th to close from “Y” to Holdrege Tuesday - (See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: East “O” Landscaping Work To Begin Monday - (See Release)

II. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from J. Michael Rierden, Attorney At Law - brought into Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Item 25 - 04-19 – Street Vacation No. 03014 requested by William Cintani, John and Marilyn Long and B&J Partnership to vacate that portion of the east/west alley from vacated 26th Street to 27th Street between N and O Streets that has not already been vacated - (See Letter)

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PLANNING

1. Memo & Report from Marvin Krout - RE: “Getting to Smart Growth II” - (Council copies placed in their file folders on 4/02/04)(Copy of Memo on file in the City Council Office, but ‘no’ copy of Report)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter & Notice of Hearing from Kevin P. Dugan, State Of Nebraska, Department of Roads - RE: Project No. NH-77-2 (156) - Also Known As: Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo and Pioneers Interchanges - (See Material)
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2004  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kelly Sieckmeyer, Engineering Services, 441-7454  
Wayne Teten, Antelope Valley Manager, 441-4939

VINE STREET LANES TO BE CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS  
North 17th to close from “Y” to Holdrege Tuesday

As part of the Antelope Valley Project construction, two lanes of Vine Street from North 22nd to North 27th streets are scheduled to be closed for improvements beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, April 5. Two-way traffic will be maintained on two traffic lanes in this area. The intersection of North 26th and Vine streets will remain open, but left turns will not be permitted from any direction. The speed limit on Vine Street will be reduced to 25 miles per hour in the construction area.

Work on Vine Street includes improvements to the roadway, which are expected to be completed in about three months. Other improvements to be completed later include sidewalks, retaining walls, landscaping, utilities, a center turn lane and ornamental lighting. After the roadway work is completed, work will begin on the intersection of 27th and Vine streets. The intersection improvements will include upgrading the pavement and traffic signals and lengthening the left-turn lanes. The intersection improvements are scheduled to be completed by mid-August. Improvements to the remaining two lanes of Vine from 22nd through 26th streets are scheduled to take place next spring. Vine Street is also being rebuilt from 17th to 21st streets, and construction on a new bridge for the future Antelope Creek Channel is scheduled to begin in June.

In another area of Antelope Valley Project construction, North 17th Street from “Y” to Holdrege streets is now scheduled to close to through traffic beginning Tuesday, April 6. “Y” Street also will close between 16th and 17th streets. The closures, originally scheduled to take place March 29, were delayed because equipment was not available. The closures are expected to last up to three months and will allow for the completion of the new connections between “Y” and 17th streets to the east. The sections will remain open to local traffic only. All northbound and southbound traffic in the area will now use 16th Street from the Holdrege intersection to the new “Y” Connector (about one block south of the existing “Y” Street). The speed limit has been lowered to 25 miles per hour in the area.

The Antelope Valley Project includes transportation improvements, stormwater management and community revitalization. Partners in the Antelope Valley Project are the City of Lincoln, the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A map and other information is available on the City web site at lincoln.ne.gov. Information can also be obtained by leaving a message at the Antelope Valley Hotline at 402-458-5999.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-7711

EAST “O” LANDSCAPING WORK TO BEGIN MONDAY

Landscaping work is expected to begin Monday, April 5 on East “O” Street. Crews will be working in the existing medians from 63rd to Wedgewood, requiring the closure of a westbound lane in this area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two westbound lanes will remain open.

The project is expected to last about three months. During the progress of the project, various lane closures will be required during off-peak hours.

The landscaping is a follow-up to the two-year East “O” Street widening project completed last fall. That project widened East “O” Street from two to three lanes in each direction from 52nd Street to Wedgewood Drive and included work on intersecting streets.

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City Council  
City of Lincoln  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

RE: Street Vacation No. 03014 requested by William Cintani, John and Marilyn Long and B&J Partnership to vacate that portion of the east/west alley from vacated 26th Street to 27th Street between N and O Streets that has not already been vacated.

Dear Council Members:

I have had an opportunity to confer with my clients concerning the motion to amend the aforementioned vacation to vacate the west 136 feet of the remaining alley right-of-way. This would retain public right-of-way to a point approximately 60 feet west of the center line of 27th Street. If this is the way the Council wishes to proceed in this matter then my clients are supportive of the amendment. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

JMR/jdr
cc: Clark McCabe
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Coleen J. Seng
   City Council
   Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
   Planning Commission

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: "Getting to Smart Growth II"

DATE: April 2, 2004

Enclosed is a complimentary report on "Smart Growth" policies that we obtained at no cost from the federal Environmental Protection Office. EPA is part of a partnership called the Smart Growth Network, that is sponsoring a series of reports on the subject of development policies and practices. Other members of the Network include the International City Managers' Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of Realtors, Urban Land Institute, and a number of other business, professional, and environmental organizations. Smart Growth is defined by this partnership as finding "...ways to grow that promote economic development and jobs, promote healthy, livable communities, and minimize environmental impacts." I think you will find that many of the concepts in this report are mirrored in the goals and policies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
I've run out of copies. It's a great publication.

Everyone likes the book and municipal officials and developers. Everyone likes the book and getting to Smart Growth. Since then, I've given them to local governments and municipalities and counties.

A couple of months ago, I ordered and received 15 copies of "100 Policies for Getting to Smart Growth: Implementation: Please for Volume I of Getting to Smart Growth:...
March 31, 2004

Terry Werner, Council Member
555 S 10th St
Lincoln NE 68508

Re: Project No. NH-77-2(156)
   Also Known As: Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo and Pioneers Interchanges
   Control No. 12552A

I am sending you a copy of the official notice regarding an upcoming public hearing.

It is possible you already are aware of the proposed project, which is at the design stage. At this
time, you may wish to review any of your previous actions or submittals related to this project.

Public input is being sought. Please refer to the accompanying notice and location map for
details.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kevin P. Dugan
Hearings Officer
Communication Division
(402) 479-4871

KPD/COM5-DA

Enclosure
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN HEARING

Date: April 14, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Firefighters Hall
241 Victory Lane
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing about upgrading Lincoln's West Bypass to freeway standards.

The proposed project on U.S. Highway 77 in Lancaster County involves constructing two interchanges, removing five at-grade intersections, and reconstructing several adjoining roads. Project NH-77-2(156) is known as Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo & Pioneers.

Interchanges will be constructed at Pioneers Boulevard and Warlick Boulevard. Roadway lighting will be added along the two streets and at the interchanges.

Existing at-grade intersections with U.S. 77 will be removed at Pioneers Boulevard, Old Cheney Road, Warlick Boulevard, Yankee Hill Road and Rokeby Road.

Reconstruction of adjoining roads includes West Denton Road from U.S. 77 to just west of Folsom Street, 1st Street south of West Denton Road, and Pioneers Boulevard from just west of Folsom Street to just west of South 1st Street.

Traffic will be maintained on U.S. 77 throughout construction. A temporary at-grade intersection with Warlick Boulevard will be used during construction.

The Pioneers Boulevard intersection will be closed during construction and traffic will be detoured to Old Cheney Road via South Folsom Street and South 1st Street.

Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way will be required for the project. Two homes and a number of commercial buildings must be acquired for construction of the Pioneers interchange. Control of access near the new interchanges must be modified or acquired.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for almost 5 acres will be established along the beltway project south of Lincoln or at the Rock Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank north of town.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing site from 3 - 5 p.m. for an informal discussion of any aspect of the project.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one regarding the proposed improvements.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about design features of the project. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

Written statements and exhibits may be presented at the hearing, and they will be accepted as part of the public record for 10 days after the hearing.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by March 31, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

Preliminary plans are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 1 Office, 302 Superior St., in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the internet.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Syed Ataullah in Lincoln at (402) 479-4777.
US 77 Corridor, Saltillo Road to I-80
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Ken Svoboda, Patte Newman, Annette McRoy, Glenn Friendt

Council Member Absent: Jon Camp, Chair

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Lin Quenzer, Darl Naumann, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng commented to Council that she just told the Directors upstairs a multitude of maintenance around this community more and more every year. If they just happen to read the Neighborhood Extra they can see most of them listed and they love it if somebody gets out there from the City. Mayor Seng stated that there was really a large one out at 1st & Superior, it was a huge traffic congestion and the Police were doing everything they could. But, a lot of families live there and children all arriving at the same time out at that church at 1st & Superior, so they were backed clear over the interstate.

Mayor Seng stated to Council this morning as she listened to all of the issues that they’re dealing with at the Common, she was sitting there saying this is real because they’re a growing community and those issues are not going to stop. For those of them that kept talking about it, they’re absolutely correct because unless they absolutely stop growing right now they just keep the issues that are there. So, there’s got to be continuing discussion about all of the planning issues, the land use issues and the Public Works issues.


*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Congressional Debate Set For April 5th. – NO COMMENTS
III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that Items 3 & 4 [Application of Burnsy’s Inc. dba Catering on the Blvd. for a Class I liquor license at 2602 Park Blvd.; and Manager application of Michael F. Burns for Burnsy’s Inc. dba Catering on the Blvd. at 2602 Park Blvd.] will be called together and Items 5 & 6 [Application of D.B. Associates, Inc. dba The Steakhouse for a Class C liquor license at 3441 Adams Street; and Manager application of James Q. Wulf for D.B. Associates, Inc. dba The Steakhouse at 3441 Adams Street] will be called together.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on Item 17 [Amending Title 12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Parks by adding a new Chapter 12.22, Enhanced Median, Roundabout, and Cul-de-sac Center Island Landscaping, to provide conditions for the placement of enhanced landscaping in median roundabout and cul-de-sac center island area by an abutting property owner] they already have a Motion-to-Amend.

Mr. Cook noted on Item 17, he talked to Lynn Johnson and he thought another week would be valuable in order to work on the amendment. Mr. Cook commented that he just thought he would mention it and Lynn [Johnson] may be able to elaborate. Mr. Werner commented to Mr. Cook so you’ll move to delay. Mr. Cook replied ‘yes’.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on Item 25 [Vacation 03014 - Vacating a portion of the east-west alley from vacated South 26th Street to South 27th Street, between N and “O” Streets] they have a letter on their Addendum from Mike Rierden stating that he’s ready to go ahead if everything is planned and Nicole [Fleck-Tooze] also has a copy of it.

City Clerk Joan Ross reminded Council that on Item 26 [Change of Zone 3421- Application of The Dinerstein Companies for a change of zone from H-3 Highway Commercial to R-3 Residential on property generally located west of North 1st Street and south of Charleston Street] they have a Substitute Ordinance. Mr. Werner stated that Item 25 also has a Motion-to-Amend as well. City Clerk Joan Ross replied ‘yes’.
City Clerk Joan Ross stated that she handed out to Council the ‘Miscellaneous Referral Sheet’. She said that on the ‘Miscellaneous Referral’ they do have a hearing date on April 19th, so as soon as they know they need to confirm the time of that meeting with her because they need to get out the notice letter and the legal ad on it.

Mr. Cook stated that he wants to talk about Items 35 & 36 [#35-Application of DLH, Inc. dba Coaches Sports Bar & Grill for a Class I (spirits, wine, beer, on sale) liquor license at 640 W. Prospector Court; and #36-Manager application of Duane L. Hartman for DLH, Inc. dba Coaches Sports Bar & Grill at 640 W. Prospector Court] which is a ‘Reconsideration of Council Denial’ on the liquor permit and the managers application. Mr. Cook commented that apparently the applicant or the attorney for the applicant called in and requested it, but no Council member asked that this be placed on the Agenda as he understands it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated that’s correct. Mr. Cook stated their policy should be that they do not allow items to be placed on the Agenda by anybody other than Council members, if only a Council member has the right to reconsider, therefore, only a Council member could give notice the intent to reconsideration is on the Agenda. City Clerk Joan Ross stated that they received the request and so she felt like she needed to get it on the Agenda as a notification to Council and to the public. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he understands, but he thinks the proper procedure would of been for the applicant to have contacted a Council member who could have moved reconsideration to see if a Council member was interested in doing it and if someone was interested that Council member should have called her. City Clerk Joan Ross commented so do you prefer in the future if she gets a request to just send it in their packet and than you’ll bring it up at the meeting. Mr. Cook said he thinks either that or she can inform the person calling that they need to contact Council members to ask if any Council member has an interest in the reconsideration to be placed on the Agenda. Discussion continued with Council, City Clerk Joan Ross and Rick Peo on this issue with comments and questions from Council.

Rick Peo stated that he believes it’s not a binding request on the City Council, it probably would fall properly under ‘Petitions & Communications’ because the Charter directs the City Clerk to place on the Agenda all reports, communications, etc. that are received in the office or the City Council. He thinks it would be a petition from a citizen to the City Council, but he doesn’t believe it has any binding effect on the City Council as an Agenda item that they have to do anything to the request. They can just not make any motion what so ever, if they so desire or they can just vote it down, but probably for future reference it might be more appropriate under ‘Petitions & Communications’ as to opposed to it looking like an action item and its really not. Mr. Cook commented it’s not a Council placed item, therefore they really shouldn’t be able to take action on these items today. Mr. Peo commented not final action.
Ms. Newman stated in regards to Item 28 [Preliminary Plat No. 03011 - Accepting and approving the preliminary plat of Outfield Park, creating five lots and six outlots with waivers to allow sidewalks on only one side of private street, public water main adjacent to driveway, and block length in excess of 1,000 feet, on property generally located west of North 1st Street and south of Charleston Street] she understood from Nicole Fleck-Tooze that Public Works wanted a condition that three things be addressed to the satisfaction of Public Works, there’s no written document. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated that there will be something written for Council and ready for them to take action on it. Ms. Tooze stated to Ms. Newman that she’ll add a couple others that she didn’t mention on Monday and she thinks there will also be something from Planning that addresses something with the landfill. Ms. Newman commented they’re all on the Preliminary Plat #28. Ms. Tooze replied ‘yes’.

1. Letter from Randy R. Ewing, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm to City Clerk Joan Ross - (brought into City Council Office by City Clerk) - RE: Items 35 & 36 – DLH, Inc. - Application for Liquor License Request for Reconsideration. — Mr. Cook mentioned this issue earlier under “II. City Clerk”. (See that discussion)

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. RFI #109 - Request to Public Works RE: Rolling Hills Blvd and Old Cheney Road - Safety Issues and concerns raised by Mr. Douglas J. Wilson. (RFI #109 - 03-09-04) RESPONSE FROM MAYOR’S OFFICE - Received 03-11-04). — Mr. Cook stated this RFI (#109) can be taken off of the Agenda. Tammy Grammer stated to Mr. Cook okay.

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/Urban Development Department/LES - RE: C Street rehab, burying lines (RFI#111 - 3/24/04). — NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Roger Tederman, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: The water problem they have in the drive on 25th Street entering the Tam O’Shanter (RFI#146 - 2/18/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE
FROM W. L. NASS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#146 - 3/26/04. — Ms. McRoy stated this RFI (#146) can be removed from the Agenda. Tammy Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/Lancaster County Engineering - RE: Future plans for NW 4th 48th Street (RFI#147 - 3/18/04) - (Sent Corrected Copy out on 3/22/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RANDY HOSKINS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#147 - 3/26/04. — NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Request to Larry Worth, StarTran/Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Bus Service to Lux Middle School (RFI#19 - 3/17/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#19 - 3/24/04. — Ms. Newman stated she knows they go out and talk to students to see how many students would take it and asked if anything else is happening. Allan Abbott stated that they have it included in their budget request to do it. This is one of those situations that they really would like to know as soon as possible whether the Council stands in support for this because they want to be able to sale the tickets before the school season starts. Ms. Newman asked if they know the number of students. Mr. Abbott indicated that Larry [Worth] does, they’ve gone through it and looks like it would be very similar to what they’ve got going on with the north route. There was enough in there that it would make it worth wild. Ms. Newman asked Mr. Abbott if they could get those numbers. Mr. Abbott replied ‘yes’.

2. Request to Ernie Castillo, Wynn Hjermstad, Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Department/Terry Bundy, LES/Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Mike DeKalb, Marvin Krout, Planning Department/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Signs or banners identifying individual neighborhoods - (For Witherbee and Eastridge area) - (RFI#20 - 3/24/04). — Ms. Newman stated that she got a call from Ernie Castillo and he said they’re not going to do anything and she talked to Lynn Johnson. Lynn Johnson stated they’re working on getting a response coordinated. Ms. Newman commented excellent and just for the record it’s not only Witherbee and Eastridge, there are many other neighborhoods, but those are the two that are questioned.
GLENN FRIENDT


Mr. Cook stated to Lynn [Johnson] that he mentioned the delay on the Landscaping Ordinance that they needed a little more time on the amendment and asked if he had anything else that he wanted to add to it. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook okay that would be great.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

1. E-Mail from Rick Peo to Lynn Johnson - RE: Motion to Amend Bill No. 04-21 - Enhanced Landscaping. — NO COMMENTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

*1. Material from Don Herz, Finance Director & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska - Investments Purchased March 15, 2004 thru March 19, 2004. — NO COMMENTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Workwell Annual Conference And Awards Ceremony. — NO COMMENTS

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Health Department Bioterrorism Exercise. — NO COMMENTS

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Two Skunks Test Positive In Lincoln. — NO COMMENTS

LIBRARY

PLANNING

*1. Letter from Becky Horner to Engineering Design Consultants - RE: N. Creek 7th Addition Final Plat #03047. — NO COMMENTS

*2. Memo from Marvin Krout - RE: Pending List: Comprehensive Plan Amendment 02001A: New Information on Request at 84th and Van Dorn Street. — NO COMMENTS

3. Memo from Greg Czaplewski - RE: Preliminary Plat #03011 Outfield Park - concerns over methane gas exposure - (Bill #04R-60). — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION . . . . . .

1. Waiver No. 04004 (Street trees and block length - N. 48th & Doris Bair Cir.) Resolution No. PC-00851. — NO COMMENTS

2. Special Permit No. 04007 (CenterPointe, Inc. - Health Care Facility - 26th & P Streets) Resolution No. PC-00852. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Allan Abbott stated to Council that they received a couple of letters in their packet regarding the 14th & Warlick intersection, one from Information Technology Inc. and one from Data Design. Basically they will do everything they can to work with them, but they had both asked for meetings with the Mayor or a Council member, so they can express their concern. This intersection will arrive with 27th & Cornhusker, it’s going to be one of the busiest intersections in the City and that’s if you do anything with it or not. They’ll be glad to meet with them to discuss the issue, but whether or not anybody from the Council wants to be at those meetings to let him know and when they arrange it they will have them there. Mr. Abbott stated that there’s been a similar letter from both of them indicating they really shouldn’t be making that a major intersection and unfortunately he doesn’t know anyway of making it work without making it an major intersection. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Abbott so when you say meetings, do you mean public meetings or they just want to meet with you. Mr. Abbott replied ‘no’, the letter said they want to meet with a Council member and/or the Mayor, which they’re usually there, but if they’re going to set up a meeting does anybody from the Council want to be there. Mr. Cook commented they’ve had public meetings on 14th Street itself. Mr. Abbott replied ‘yes’ and they will have meetings on the intersection, maybe one next week on 14th & Warlick. Mr. Cook commented that still won’t include details of the 14th
& Old Cheney intersection. Mr. Abbott indicated that it’s not going to have the final
details. Mr. Cook asked if he thinks it’s worth wild to bring in preliminary details to get
people to talk about it, he thinks that would be valuable for people to see what’s coming.
Mr. Abbott indicated they can do that. Diane Gonzolas mentioned that there’s a meeting
next week. Discussion continued with Council and Allan Abbott on this issue with
comments and questions from the Council. Mr. Cook asked if they could get a notice in
writing. Ms. Gonzolas stated they’re going to be sending out a release and they will get a
copy of it. Mr. Friendt stated that he would like to maybe talk to Planning later just to
know that they had this in mind and that they sited the buildings knowing they’re going to
turn this into a major intersection. [Note: The Public Information Meeting for the
Warlick Intersection Project is next week on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. to
7:30 p.m. at the Christ’s Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney Road.]

Mr. Abbott stated that he will be responding in writing to those letters. Basically
what he needed to find out was in his response saying they’ll meet with them, whether or
not they wanted him to include a Council person. No comments from the Council. Mr.
Abbott stated to Council that he will send them a copy of the response and they can come
if they want to.

NO COMMENTS

Streets. — NO COMMENTS

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation Of Grass And Leaves Begins April 1st.
— NO COMMENTS

Inc. is starting work in your area of South 14th on the widening project. —
NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Joseph W. Cherner - RE: Washington State Voters to Face
Duel Ballot Initiatives - Health groups face off versus tobacco interests. —
NO COMMENTS
*2. Letter from Peter W. Katt, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm - RE: Livingston Investments Willowbrook Shopping Center Impact Fee Appeal. — NO COMMENTS

*3. Letter from Peter W. Katt, For the Firm, Pierson/Fitchett Law Firm - RE: Mount Olive Evangelical Church Impact Fee Appeal. — NO COMMENTS

*4. CERTIFIED Letter from Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - RE: You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held upon the application of ZKZ Incorporated “The Office” for a Class I Liquor License at 640 W. Prospector, Suite 200 for the following reason: — scheduled for April 22nd at 10:15 a.m. — NO COMMENTS

*5. Letter from Ted Hays - RE: Problem with 1 Town Home water meter - wants his own meter. — NO COMMENTS

*6. E-Mail from John L. Harris, President, Encouragement Unlimited, Inc. - RE: Work as Diversity Fellow. — Ms. McRoy asked Joyce [Welsch] about this E-Mail. Mr. Werner stated to Ms. McRoy that there was a response from the Mayor. Mayor Seng noted that there was a response in their packet. Ms. McRoy commented that she didn’t see it. Ms. McRoy asked Ms. Welsch if the document is on line or available. Ms. Welsch replied ‘no’, it wouldn’t be on line, it’s actually a recruiting document for the City. Ms. McRoy commented so someone responded to Mr. Harris. Ms. Welsch replied ‘yes’. [The response to this E-Mail is under “1. Mayor - #4”.

*7. Letter from Mark Munger, President, Lincoln Firefighters Association - RE: A “Thank-you” for your recent affirmative vote in favor of the Police Firefighters Pension Board of Trustees. — NO COMMENTS

8. Letter from the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance Board - RE: The board wishes to thank you for your recent vote in support of Change of Zone #3428 - expanding the Neighborhood Design Standards into the R1, R2, & R3 residential districts. — NO COMMENTS

9. Letter from Michael Kane - RE: Our Mayor. — [Mayor Seng mentioned this letter later on towards the end of the meeting under “V. City Council Members”.] (See that discussion)
10. Letter from James Cothran - RE: There is a high incidence of neck injuries in horse riding accidents. — NO COMMENTS

11. E-Mail from Amy Prenda - RE: Lincoln Police vehicle sirens. — NO COMMENTS

12. Letter from Michael J. Carlin - RE: The proposed flood standards for new growth areas. — NO COMMENTS

13. Letter from Chuck Fricke, Assistant Vice President, Administration Operations, Information Technology Inc. - RE: The future construction at the intersection of 14th Street & Old Cheney is quickly approaching - concerns in regards to future construction and traffic flow. — NO COMMENTS

14. Letter from August J. Ponstingl, Senior Planner, Ross Engineering, Inc. - RE: Sterling University - Stadium View: Phase 2 No. 1st Street and West Charleston Avenue. — NO COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PATTE NEWMAN

Ms. Newman stated that she was reading the “Daily Nebraskan” this weekend and went to the houses for rent, which came up at the North Bottoms Neighborhood Meeting last weekend that she attended. They’re very concerned about the three unrelated issue in that area. So, she read the “Daily Nebraskan” and there’s all sorts of houses for rent, 6 bedroom, 4 bedroom, 5 bedroom and the interesting thing is some that were in the North Bottoms, if you go to the County Assessor’s web-site it says something different. If they advertise 4 bedrooms the County Assessor’s web-site said they have 2 bedrooms and another said 5 bedrooms and the County Assessor’s web-site says 2 bedrooms. Ms. Newman asked Mike Merwick if they track any of this stuff. Mike Merwick replied ‘no’, they can start. Ms. Newman commented to Mr. Merwick would you think the County Assessor’s web-site is wrong. Mr. Merwick stated he doubts it. Mr. Merwick stated to Ms. Newman if she would like to give him the information, he’ll check it out. Ms. Newman stated to Mr. Merwick okay and ‘thanked’ him.
Mr. Cook stated that he wants to ask one last question about the 27th & “O” Street alley. Mr. Cook noted they have their amendment, they have an agreement for their amendment and they will retain ownership of 60 feet from the centerline and just to clarify what rights they have over that land can they at any time having retained it, close it. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated she thinks that the Council by Resolution could close it, she doesn’t think that Public Works could close an open alley. Mr. Cook commented so it’s still considered an open alley. Ms. Tooze commented once it’s vacated .... and asked Rick Peo what would be the process of closing their access. Rick Peo stated that he thinks they would rededicate the ownership that they retained and back to alley purposes and public alley. Discussion continued with Council and Rick Peo on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Ms. Tooze stated that they have amended the ordinance so they were only vacating the west 136 feet, so that they retain 60 foot of right-of-way from centerline. Mr. Peo commented that’s still right-of-way that is not vacated. Mr. Cook commented so in order to close the alley it would require Council action. Mr. Peo replied ‘yes’. Mr. Cook stated the second question is would they be liable with this change for compensating it for lose of access. Mr. Peo commented that you always look at the idea, do you still have reasonable access to the property after what ever you close, if reasonable access is there you don’t have a problem that’s going to be a fact question. Mr. Cook stated the last thing is if they were to vacate the whole alley, why can’t they just sale them a part of it and keep a part, not have it be right-of-way, but just have it be part of the street or part of City ownership, but without being alley right-of-way. No comments from anyone. Mr. Cook commented the chair is going to interrupt him. Mr. Werner stated those are some interesting questions, he doesn’t understand why they don’t just simply lease instead of vacate. Mr. Cook replied they didn’t want to lease it. Mr. Werner stated that he knows, but when they come to them with these things can’t they say the Council in the past has said they prefer to lease and not vacate. Ms. Tooze replied they can certainly do that here, if that’s the direction they give them. They can deny the vacation and they would have the option to lease, but it didn’t look like that was something they were going to do, so probably if their vacation is denied, it stays how it is today. Mr. Werner said that he doesn’t see the benefit to the City when they vacate and sale these for nothing, all he sees is a down side in the future. Mr. Svoboda stated that he prefers to have this more detailed conversation and question period out in the chambers. So, everybody can listen to it and the attorney’s are present and that those in the future would want to
have access to a City alley or a future vacation or purchasing they have an understanding of it as well and not deal with it here with all of the Directors. Mr. Cook commented that he would just note that it’s not up for Public Hearing today. Ms. Tooze replied ‘no’ just action only. Mr. Cook commented so normally they wouldn’t have a detailed discussion on it. Mr. Svoboda replied ‘no’, but he can ask these same questions of staff. Mr. Cook commented they could do it during the voting session. Mr. Svoboda replied ‘right’.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to see Allan Abbott, Marc Wullschleger and Marvin Krout after the Directors’ Meeting today.

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS
ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS
KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS
TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

Mayor Seng stated to Council that she forgot to comment on Michael Kane’s letter. Mayor Seng stated first of all, she didn’t know that he had been illegally committed to the Regional Center. Mr. Werner commented isn’t he running for Congress. Mayor Seng commented ‘oh’, yes and let’s see, she’s been salary an awful long time for my adult life.

Mr. Werner adjourned the meeting. - [Approximately at 11:35 a.m.]

ADDENDUM - (For April 5th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Vine Street Lanes To Be Closed For Improvements - North 17th to close from “Y” to Holdrege Tuesday. — NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: East “O” Landscaping Work To Begin Monday. — NO COMMENTS
II. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from J. Michael Rierden, Attorney At Law - brought into Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Item 25 - 04-19 – Street Vacation No. 03014 requested by William Cintani, John and Marilyn Long and B&J Partnership to vacate that portion of the east/west alley from vacated 26th Street to 27th Street between N and O Streets that has not already been vacated. – City Clerk Joan Ross mentioned this letter during her comments to Council under “II. City Clerk”. - (See that discussion)

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PLANNING

1. Memo & Report from Marvin Krout - RE: “Getting to Smart Growth II” - (Council copies placed in their file folders on 4/02/04)(Copy of Memo on file in the City Council Office, but ‘no’ copy of Report) — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter & Notice of Hearing from Kevin P. Dugan, State Of Nebraska, Department of Roads - RE: Project No. NH-77-2 (156) - Also Known As: Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo and Pioneers Interchanges. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:35 a.m.